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To: Field Managers, Nevada
Field Station Managers, Tonopah and Caliente
Deputy State Director, Minerals Management
Attention: Weed Program Leads

From: Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, Lands, and Planning

Subject: Transmittal of *Partners Against Weeds – An Action Plan for the Bureau of Land Management* (January 1996)

A Validation Review of Nevada's weed management program was recently conducted by the Washington Office. The final report of findings is scheduled to be issued at the end of this month. Preliminary findings of the review were shared with the State Director at the close-out on April 20, 2004. One of these findings was most employees are not fully aware of BLM's strategy plan entitled *Partners Against Weeds – An Action Plan for the Bureau of Land Management* (January 1996).

The plan identifies the BLM's approach to prevent and control the spread of noxious weeds on BLM lands through cooperation with our partners. The introduction describes the background of BLM's cooperative weed management program, the impact of weeds on ecosystem health, the Integrated Weed Management (IWM) approach, the use of the fire/weed model, the origin of weeds in the United States, the legal direction for weed management, the recognition of the importance of cooperation and partnerships, BLM's budget, and weed program opportunities. The second section lists seven goals and associated actions necessary for implementing an improved weed management program.

Field Managers, Assistant Field Managers, and all staff whose programs may be directly or indirectly affected by the spread of noxious weeds should review this publication. Copies are attached for review by appropriate staff.

If additional copies are needed, please contact Ted Angle at (775) 861-6401



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1 Attachment

1. *Partners Against Weeds – An Action Plan for the Bureau of Land Management*
(January 1996) (43 pp)

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